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July 6, 2000

Chris Hansen Canyon Fuel Company, LLC HC 35 Box 380 Helper, Utah 84526

Re: Approval of Use of Excess Material and Sediment Pond Waste From the Dugout Mine for Fill Material at Soldier Canyon Mine Portals, Canyon Fuel Company, LLC, Soldier Canyon Mine, ACT/007/018, Dugout Canyon Mine, ACT/007/039, Outgoing File

Dear Mr. Hansen:

Approval is granted to use excess material from the Dugout Canyon Mine to backfill portals at the Soldier Canyon Mine where seals have been damaged due to a methane explosion on July 1 (pursuant to your letter dated July 6, 2000.) Backfilling of the portals is being required immediately by MSHA.

If you have any questions, please call me.

Sincerely,

Pamela Grubaugh-Littig

Permit Supervisor

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cc:

Rick Olsen, Soldier Canyon Mine

Ken Payne, Dugout Canyon Mine

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